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These are the times that try sples' souls.

As the sun warms and the city is born again in lazy, brilliant explosions of color, the spy—hot and stuffy in his black cape and dingy, walk-up apartment-struggles with the horizontal language of The Hill. Maybe his reading lamp is even busted.

He is holed-up with canned soup and sardines and a copy of "Hearings Before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Rep-resentatives," Subject of the hearings is Department of De-fense Appropriations for 1963.

Trying to ignore the robin on the window-sill, the spy reads from the hearings:

"Mr. Mahon. This is off the subject a bit but, General Breitweiser, does the Air Force believe that Red China is producing atomic weapons?

Gen. Breitweiser.

This is one of the better examples of horizontal talk. It is employed to prevent a spy in the springtime, when defense hearings are released to the press, public and spies, from determining the defense posture of the United States, It is also used by Joint Chieff and Congressmen to keep the spy from knowing what we know about his defense was-

Its advantages are probably far more effective than ordinary, heavy-handed censorship. It is delicate and subtle and the spy, like a horse, is continually led through testimony toward a meaty disclosure buly to find, suddenly, there is nothing—signifying nothing.

The reading spy can know so much and yet so little. For example, "Mr. Mahon" is Hepresentative Mahon, a Democrat from Texas, and chairman of the subcommittee. "Secretary Zuckert" is Eugene M. Zuckert. Secretary of the Air Force, But watch what happens; again from the hearings:

"Mr. Mahon. Is it not true that for fiscal year 1963 you are requesting only about half of what you requested last year?.

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